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Re: Sony Electronics Docket Number 50P4201

Sirs:

Enclosed herewith for filing is U S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM MINIMIZING THE TIME REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE A CONTROL CHANNEL OF A CABLE TELEVISION SIGNAL WITH A SET-TOP UNIT". The name of the inventor is Robert Allen Unger.

The application papers consist of:

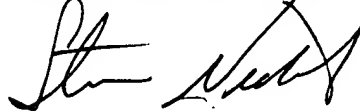
1. Title Page, Specification, Claims, and Abstract (20 Pages), (Claims: 4 independent; 18 dependent);
2. Four sheets of drawings;
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney from inventor;
4. Assignment from inventor to Sony Corporation and Sony Electronics Inc.;
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

I, Robert Allan Unger, citizen of the United States of America and resident of ElCajon, State of California, pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the new and useful

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MINIMIZING THE TIME REQUIRED

TO ACQUIRE A CONTROL CHANNEL OF A CABLE

TELEVISION SIGNAL WITH A SET-TOP UNIT

set forth in the following specification and claims.